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Woodland Grove Baptist plans fall festival for Nov. 10th

Woodland Grove Baptist Church will hold its third annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 10, beginning at 2 p.m. and lasting till the fun runs out.

The events include:

- 2-4 p.m. - Games, bingo, cake-walk, wheel barrel race, three-legged race, children's treat walk, sack race, apple bobbing, etc.
- 4-5:30 p.m. - Fellowship by enjoying chili, hot dogs, sandwiches, chips and drink.
- 5:30 p.m. - Puppet show presented by the Macedonia Baptist Church of Enterprise.

Children can get their picture with Polka and Dottie the Clowns. They will have a moon-walk. Children may also get their face painted and receive a balloon.

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Everett secures \$150,000 in initial funding for Wiregrass Regional Water Reservoir

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Enterprise, announced the final House approval last Thursday of \$150,000 in preliminary funding he secured in the 2002 Energy and Water Appropriations Act Conference Report for a Wiregrass regional water reservoir to serve Dothan, Enterprise, Ozark, Daleville, and Fort Rucker by the end of the decade.

"I was pleased to secure this critical funding in the House-Senate conference report which achieved final House passage today by a vote of 399 to 29," Everett said.

"This initial funding is the first phase of a major federal-state project to ensure the future water supply of a fast-growing region of Alabama - the Wiregrass," Everett added. "These funds, earmarked in the US Army Corps of Engineers 2002 budget, form the federal portion of a 50/50 cost-share for an environmental impact statement for the reservoir project."

"There is no mistake that within a few years groundwater reserves serving our major Wiregrass cities will begin to dry up and these communities will face a critical situation. I have joined with state and local leaders and the Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority in seeking a solution - the construction of a 2,500-acre water reservoir on the Little Choctawhatchee River to provide a reliable and long-term source of water for the area."

"As we are all well aware, our part of the state has been plagued with recent droughts which have highlighted a growing problem - the regional depletion of our water resources. This is not just a trend but a long-term reality which we cannot ignore. It will have repercussions on all of us in the Wiregrass: workers, industries, farmers, the military, and our families."

"In the ten-county Wiregrass area, the cities of Dothan,

Enterprise, and Ozark draw approximately 24 to 32 million gallons a day from aquifers or groundwater sources. This represents 40 to 53 percent of the entire water drawn by communities in the Wiregrass. Yet at the same time, Dothan has seen a 220-foot decline in the water level of its major aquifer, and Enterprise experienced a half-foot-a-day drop in water levels during April and May - so much a decline that the city will have to deepen existing wells and add new ones.

"Obviously we cannot just continue to drill new and ever deeper wells until our groundwater runs dry. We must take action on a regional strategy to develop a long-term, dependable water supply to ensure that all our communities are adequately protected. The construction of a regional reservoir is this strategy and the funding approved today lays the groundwork for the reservoir by paying for an environmental impact study which will enable the necessary permits for the construction process to begin."

"I was pleased to have added these funds to the Energy and Water Conference Report and look forward to working with the State of Alabama, the Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority and the US Army Corps of Engineers in making this vital regional reservoir a reality over the coming years," Everett said.

Zion Chapel High School recorded the biggest difference in school enrollment for the 2001-2002 school year.

Ingram said Zion Chapel High School is down 14.78 students this year with 309 students enrolled as compared to 323.78 students enrolled during the 2000-2001 school year.

The superintendent said the big difference at Zion Chapel was the graduation of a large senior class last year with this year's senior class only having 22 enrolled. She said, based on other class sizes, the numbers at Zion Chapel High should go back up next year, therefore, the drop in numbers this year is not something to be alarmed about at this time.

Zion Chapel Elementary

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales
Editor:
Katie Grimes

Students attend bonfire and pep rally
by Gavin Mauldin

On Thursday, Oct. 26, Elba High School hosted its traditional homecoming bonfire. The festivities at the bonfire were very similar to the usual Friday afternoon pep rallies, except it was held behind Miller Memorial Stadium at night with a large bonfire. The Senior football players, band members, and cheerleaders were recognized. A large crowd of spectators was in attendance to support their favorite team the Elba Tigers. A think this goes out to those spectators. Without them the bonfire would not have been such a success.

On Friday, Oct. 27, both Elba Elementary and Elba High students attended a special pep rally for the homecoming game. The pep rally began around 10:00 a.m., and students watched the coronation of the homecoming court. The cheerleaders performed routines, and everyone left with a renewed sense of Tiger Pride.

EES Faculty Spotlight
by Hunter Branch

This week's EES Spotlight is on Mrs. Renee Gibson. Mrs. Gibson teaches third grade. She has been a member of the Elba Elementary School faculty for three years.

Mrs. Gibson attended Brantley High School and then went to Enterprise State Junior College. She later received her B.S. from Troy State University.

Mrs. Gibson says that becoming a teacher is something she has always wanted to do. She enjoys reading and spending time with her husband Gary and her children, Ashley and Matthew.

Homecoming parade float winners announced for high school and elementary school competition

Throughout the week of October 22-27, the students at Elba High School worked very diligently on their class and subject organizations floats. They shared many unique ideas and put a lot of effort into turning these ideas into the best floats possible. Although many of the floats exhibited great qualities, only one could win the float competition.

In the high school class float competition, the winners were:

1st place: Junior class - "Can the Dolphins!"

2nd place: Freshman class - "Dolphins Have No Purpose, but Cat Food"

3rd place: Seventh grade class

"Tiger Bar and Grill"

The students at Elba Elementary also participated in the float competition. Those winners are:

1st place: Third grade - "Book the Dolphins"

2nd place: Fifth grade - "Round 'Em Up and Move 'Em Out"

3rd place: Sixth grade - "Tigers Fishing for Dolphins" and Kindergarten - "Damp the Dolphins"

We thank everyone that entered the float competition for displaying their school spirit and supporting our Elba Tiger Football Team. Congratulations to the winners.

CENTENNIAL EDITION

The Elba High School Journalism staff is desperately seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elbalan. Anyone with candid pictures from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.

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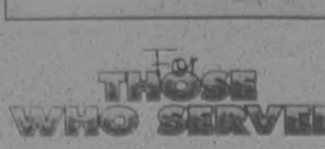
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EES plans Veteran's Day program for Nov. 9th

On Nov. 9, the Elba Elementary School students will host a Veteran's Day program at 8:15 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend. The Elba Elementary School's Choral Group will perform during this time.



Elba Elementary School Menu
Nov. 12 - 16, 2001

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Monday - Veteran's Day Holiday

Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Pop-Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Monday - Veteran's Day Holiday

Tuesday - Chicken Wiggles, Corn, Green Beans, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk

Wednesday - Hot Dog, French Fries, California Style Vegetables, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Thursday - Turkey Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Candied Yams, Bread, Milk

Friday - No Lunch, Students Dismissed at 11:20 a.m. for Teacher In-Service

Co-Op Spotlight
by Charly Barlow

This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Heather, Nichole Hays. She is a 16-year-old junior at Elba High School. Heather is the daughter of Kevin and Nichole Hays. She is employed at Belmont's restaurant where she is a waitress.

Heather is involved in many activities at EHS, including Girl Scout Troop #300, Sr. Beta Mu Alpha Theta, MCA, and Spanish Club. She is the reporter/historian for the Student Government Association, and she is the secretary of the Junior Class.

After graduation, Heather plans on attending Auburn University and majoring in elementary education.

High tech learning taking place at ESJC

High technology, which means the use of computers in a number of creative ways is being used in an increasing number of classrooms at Enterprise State Junior College.

In addition to taking these exciting high technology enhanced classes, students may opt for a career in such areas as computer science, computer applications in music, computer operating systems, global positioning systems (GPS), graphic arts, and health information technology. Microsoft certification is also available.

Use of high technology as a classroom or in a physical classroom is truly exciting for students and instructors alike. For more information about these courses, how to be admitted to the College, or how to register for classes, call the main computer 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 or visit the website at www.esjc.edu/alas.

Review the nine courses offered on the internet include English Composition, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, World Regional Geography, Western Civilization I & II, General Psychology, Microcomputer and Advanced Microcomputer Applications.

These courses are joined at other times of the year with History of World Religions.

Grades 1st - 3rd:

1st - Ms. Benbow's class "Tailgating Tiger Style"

2nd - Ms. Skinner's class "We're Gobbling Up the Dolphins"

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Grades 4th - 6th:

1st - Ms. Coleman's class "Elba Tigers: Will Stir Up Some Dolphin Stew"

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Homecoming 2001 stirs emotions within seniors

Editorial by Jonathan Head

Just minutes before my last homecoming game, I could feel the first quarter of my senior year come to pass. The voices of my fellow teammates rang through my head as the coaches called for senior captains to take the field. As we approached the bright lights, the crisp autumn air saturated the surrounding area. Walking on the field, I felt my heart give way to the home crowd. Screams could be heard "Get in seniors!"

The crowd was excited, we deferred. The edge of the end zone welcomed our presence. Once again, I looked to the stands for comfort, but was not completely reassured until the rest of my teammates arrived.

The team huddled behind the banner, the cheerleaders had constructed the following week. With a sudden rip, we charged down the field for the ninth time this season. The crowd's chants formed a low roar that encircled the stadium. Taking the field on kickoff, a sense of nervousness began to pervade my innermost thoughts. As we lined up, my nervousness rose to its climactic peak.

The ball was kicked, and the nervousness expired for the rest of this game. I took to the sidelines, while jogging back, I noticed the community had continued with what had already

been a long day of homecoming festivities. Some peered at the field silently, while others smiled and laughed. Students could be seen with their dates, or perhaps just looking for them to turn up. The atmosphere of the game became relaxed as we marched on to victory, and all this time I tried to remember a time when homecoming meant so much.

As the night disappeared, chants of the cheerleaders fell deaf upon my ears. The shadows of my teammates faded from eyesight, but I will always remember this game in my heart.

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Mrs. Collins teaches 7th, 8th and 9th grade English. She has been a teacher in the Elba City School system for three years.

Mrs. Collins attended Slocum High School and then went on to E.S.J.C. where she later transferred to Troy State University. Mrs. Collins taught at Arton High School for four years before coming to Elba.

In her spare time, Mrs. Collins enjoys swimming, making scrap books, taking photographs, identifying plants, and

spending time with her husband David and her children Stone and River. If she could no longer teach, she would like to be a tree surgeon or a domestic engineer.

Homecoming door decoration winners announced by SGA
by Stephanie Sasser

In celebration of Homecoming, the EHS Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored "door decorations." Classes and organizations of EHS and EES were asked to decorate a classroom door with a catchy slogan pertaining to the Elba vs. Gulf Shores game. The winners are as follows:

EHS Class Division:

1st - Freshmen "Who Would Darwin Choose?"

2nd - Juniors "Blow the Dolphins Away"

3rd - Seniors "Homecoming Is a Serious Thing"

Classroom/Organization Division:

1st - Algebra 11 "Tigers Calculate Ways to Reduce the Dolphins"

2nd - 10th Adv. English "Make Sense Out of Gulf Shores"

3rd - Coach Grimes' 1st Block class "Dip the Dolphins"

EES:

Kindergarten: Ms. Young's class "Insy, Weensy Dolphins"

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TSU reports enrollment increase for fall

Troy State University officials are encouraged by a 5 percent increase in the headcount enrollment for fall semester.

TSU reports an increase on the main campus from 4,813 students enrolled for fall 2000 to 5,060 students for fall 2001.

Even more impressive is the number of new students on campus this fall, according to John Schmidt, Vice President for Student Affairs. He said 1,384 new students—defined as freshmen or transfer students—are on campus this fall. This is a 9 percent increase over new students registering for fall of 2000.

Schmidt said other indicators point to a strong recruitment effort. He said residence halls are at 97 percent capacity and sales of meal plans are up 8 percent over fall 2000.

"We are pleased with these numbers, particularly the increase in new students," Schmidt said. "This is a true measure of the effectiveness of our recruiting efforts and the hard work of our admissions team."

Buddy Starling, Dean of Enrollment Management, said TSU's national recognition as one of 70 "best value" universities in the nation by Kaplan/Newsweek 2002 College Catalog will further aid marketing/student recruitment efforts.

Starling added that TSU's recruitment efforts are being expanded to include north Alabama. He added, however, that TSU will continue to emphasize strong recruiting around its southeast Alabama base.

Damascus Senior Citizen Center to serve barbecue

The Damascus Senior Citizen Center will have barbecue available Saturday, November 17. Plates will be \$5.00, and whole Boston Butts \$15.00. Boston Butts must be ordered by November 13. Orders may be placed by calling 894-6243 or 897-2102.

The Damascus Senior Citizen Center is located at 129 County Road 514, New Brockton.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

MICHAEL GOODWIN

Michael Goodwin has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new

soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. The recruit qualifies for a

\$16,000 enlistment bonus.

Michael is a 1999 graduate of Elba High School, Ala., will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Scarlett M. Napper of 404 E. McKinnon, New Brockton, Ala.

SouthTrust Bank hires new Loan Officer and names new Branch Manager



Tonya Jones



Steve Wyrosdick

SouthTrust Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Steve Wyrosdick as Loan Officer and the promotion of Tonya Jones to Branch Manager for the Elba office.

Steve Wyrosdick joins SouthTrust Bank with more than four years of experience in agricultural lending with another financial institution. Steve holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. He is married to the former Vicki McCarthy of Laverne. Steve is a member of the Elba Lions Club, the Alabama Farmers Federation and is Chair of the

Farm City Committee of Coffee County.

Tonya Jones has five years experience with SouthTrust in Elba and most recently served as Human Resources Manager. Tonya holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. She is married to Roland Jones of Brantley, and they have one daughter, Olivia. Tonya is a member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and serves as Board of Directors Secretary. She has also participated in the Loaned Executive Program of the Coffee County United Way.

Precautions given for safer mailing

Mail safety precautions

Because of recent threats to postal mail, precautions should be taken at your business by those who process your mail. Below is a set of guidelines borrowed from Gannett, Inc. Take a look at them in case you want to implement any or all of these procedures.

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• Unusual weight, oddly shaped or are lopsided.

• Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "personal" or "confidential."

• Protruding wires, strange

odors, or stains.

• Show a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address.

• Excessive postage or wrapping.

• Letters addressed to a person by a title rather by a name.

• If you encounter a suspicious package, take the following steps:

• Do not open the item.

• Do not move the item.

• Keep others clear of the immediate area.

• Contact security or your facilities management immediately.

• If, after opening a package you feel you have encountered a potentially harmful substance, follow the guidelines listed above in item #3 and take the following steps:

• Notify your superior.

• Wash your hands thoroughly with an antibiotic soap. (Scrub like a surgeon!)

• Seek prompt medical attention.

• More detailed information can be found at the following web sites:

• <http://www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/psbcomp.htm>

• <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/d/bnd/diseases/influenza.htm>

SouthTrust Bank hires new Loan Officer and names new Branch Manager

SouthTrust Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Steve Wyrosdick as Loan Officer and the promotion of Tonya Jones to Branch Manager for the Elba office.

Steve Wyrosdick joins SouthTrust Bank with more than four years of experience in agricultural lending with another financial institution. Steve holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. He is married to the former Vicki McCarthy of Laverne. Steve is a member of the Elba Lions Club, the Alabama Farmers Federation and is Chair of the

Farm City Committee of Coffee County.

Tonya Jones has five years experience with SouthTrust in Elba and most recently served as Human Resources Manager. Tonya holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. She is married to Roland Jones of Brantley, and they have one daughter, Olivia. Tonya is a member of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and serves as Board of Directors Secretary. She has also participated in the Loaned Executive Program of the Coffee County United Way.

Precautions given for safer mailing

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odors, or stains.

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• <http://www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/psbcomp.htm>

• <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/d/bnd/diseases/influenza.htm>



DURING RED RIBBON WEEK, OCT. 22-26, Zion Chapel Elementary School students participated in a Community Helping Hands project. The students and staff personnel were asked to bring a new washcloth or towel to be given to the House of Ruth. Mrs. Beverly McCall's class collected the most items, and they are pictured with Mrs. Tanja Wambles, victims advocate for the House of Ruth in Coffee and Pike counties.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It may be about time to get some new brakes for our youngest daughter! Two weeks ago she went to the homecoming dance for the first time, and last week she and two other girls went to the movies along with a boy, and met another boy their age when they got there. I know they all had fun at the movies, but you can bet Mom and Dad were in the parking lot when the movie let out and drove 'em home. Can't we at least slow down a little?

TIGERS FALL FLAT IN REGULAR SEASON FINALE

The Elba Tigers traveled up to Montgomery last week for their final regular season game against 4A power Trinity, and came home with both their bodies and their pride hurting after taking a 51-6 whipping at the hands of the Wildcats. The Tigers had only a so-so week of practice due to some injuries and played at less than full-speed against the Wildcats. However, there were no excuses from the players or the coaches after the lopsided loss as everyone involved knew the Tigers simply got whipped in every phase of the game by a very good football team. The Tigers had played hard in all nine games heading into Friday night's loss, and even the biggest Elba fans knew that somewhere along the way Elba would have an off night. Hey, at least it happened before the playoffs started and the Tigers still have a chance to bounce back and show what kind of team they really are.

Couch Waters said after the game that there were two line of scrimmage in the game against Trinity. One was where the ball was snapped, and the other was three yards in the Elba backfield, where the Trinity defensive line made the tackles. The Elba running game was almost stopped completely by the aggressive Wildcat defenders, while the Tiger defense gave up yardage in chunks and didn't have a good night trying to tackle the quick Trinity backs. I still don't believe that Trinity was fifty points better than Elba. However, maybe Friday night the Tigers saw first hand what can happen when they don't play well, and will take the loss as a challenge to get back to work and get a win in the opening round of the playoffs. If the Tigers will learn from the loss, maybe it was worth the trip to Montgomery after all.

AREA TEAMS CLOSE REGULAR SEASON

The high school football regular season drew to a close last week and for area teams it was simply more of the same as Kinston was the only team that managed to post a win. Here's a quick look back.

*** **KINSTON (6-4)** - The Bulldogs got an early wake up call from New Brockton and rallied to get past the Gamecocks 20-10. Kinston fell behind only three plays into the game and struggled at times on both sides of the ball, but connected on two field-goals to slip ahead at the half, and then turned a turnover into points in the second half to pull out the win. The win wasn't easy, but it was well deserved and gave the Bulldogs the dateville title.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (2-8)** - The Gamecocks gave Kinston quite a scare before falling 20-10 in Friday night's county championship clash. New Brockton had some success at times running the ball against the Bulldogs, but the lack of a passing attack slowed the Gamecock offense for much of the night, and it's hard to win with a one dimensional offense, at any level of play. New Brockton did get a lot of respect for playing hard for all four quarters, and there was no doubt the Gamecock never quit.

*** **BRANTLEY (5-5)** - The Bulldogs gave their 3A neighbors from Luverne quite a scare before falling late 20-14. Brantley was expected to give the highly-ranked Tigers little more than a scrimmage in its annual cross-county clash. However, the Bulldogs always play to win, and Friday night could have easily pulled off what would have been one of the biggest upsets in the history of the series. Don't let the record fool ya, Brantley football is alive and well.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (2-8)** - The Rebels trailed region champ McKenzie only 14-6 midway through the opening half and had the ball at the Tiger 4-yardline, but turned the ball over on a fumble and never recovered as Zion Chapel closed out a disappointing season with a 53-12 loss. The Rebels had only 14 players in uniform for the season finale, and the fatigue was evident on the Rebels in the second half as McKenzie blew the game open. It was time for this season to end.

FINAL WEEK OF SEASON PROVIDES FEW SURPRISES

The high school football regular season drew to an end last week and as is always the case in the high school ranks, it was another week filled with surprises. Here are just a few.

*** Pleasant Home was looking to close out the season with a big home win, but simply didn't match up well with Goshen and fell to the speedy Eagles 18-7. Pleasant Home has been probably the biggest surprise team in the state this season in the 1A ranks, and after only two seasons of varsity competition has made it clear that it is here to stay in football.

*** Straughn edged past Red Level 14-6 and by doing so threw a huge monkey wrench into the standings in Class 2A, Region 2. The Tigers win knocked Red Level out of the #1 seed in the region, gave Goshen the region title and sent Red Level packing their bags for an

opening round match-up against Southern Choctaw. The New York Stock Exchange has fallen in recent weeks, but no more than the football fortunes of the Red Level Tigers.

*** Flomaton continued its late-season slide with a big 56-22 loss to 1A Frisco City, and it looks like the Hurricanes success of a year ago is now nothing but a memory. The Hurricanes looked like a solid 3A team early in the year when they came to Elba, but fizzled out late in the year and must now attempt to rebuild. Flomaton is proof that nothing lasts forever in high school football, and some times nothing lasts for long.

*** Daleville threw a scare into Enterprise before falling to the 6A Wildcats 24-10, in Daleville. The Warhawks grabbed an early lead to wake up their neighbors from across the Coffee County line, but simply could not hold off the Wildcats in the second half as Enterprise used its depth to wear down the Hawks. It may have counted as a win for the Wildcats, but there is no way it should count as a loss for Daleville.

*** Greenville advanced to the state playoffs as the #2 seed in its region with a big 27-0 win over lowly Monroe County. The Tigers had slipped from the penthouse to the outhouse in the 5A ranks in recent years, but saw their fortunes renewed under new coach Alvin Briggs, and appear to be on their way back. Keep an eye on these Tigers next season, this year was just the first step back.

*** Northview capped off a winless season with a 30-10 loss to Dothan, and if there are any football fans left over at Northview you have to wonder if a coaching change is on the way for the Cougars. Northview has gone from a state contender to an easy win for its opponents in just two short years, and looking in from the cheap seats it looks like a change has to be made to pump new life into the program.

OPENING ROUND OF PLAYOFFS FILLED WITH ACTION

The high school football playoffs kick off this week, and unlike years past, the opening round of the playoffs is filled with games that will excite even the quietest fans. Here is a peek at week #1 action.

*** **CLASS 1A** - Brantley and Kinston appear to have their hands full, but so do the folks over at Pleasant Home and G.W. Long. Pleasant Home will be at home to face a very good Autaugaaville Eagle squad that posted a regular season win over Reelfoot, while the Rebels from Skipperville must tangle with Isabella, a team that is more than capable of ending the Rebels' dream season.

*** **CLASS 2A** - There are some very good match-ups in the 2A ranks, the best of which may very well be Excel at Goshen, Clay County at Houston County and Highland Home at Leroy. The Eagles will no doubt have their hands full with a very talented team from Excel, while Clay County will bring its tradition to Columbia and should test the unbeaten Lions, and the Flying Squadron will try to drop the upset bomb on #1 Leroy. Yep, quite a week in 2A!

*** **CLASS 3A** - There is no doubt Elba will face a tough opener from the Saints of St. Clair County, but that isn't the only toss-up in week one action. Luverne will host a very good Ashville squad and will have to play its best to advance, while Pike County will try to regroup and claim a home win against Fullondale, and Washington County will be on the road looking to knock off B.B. Comer. More good games.

*** **CLASS 4A** - No rest for the weary in the 4A ranks as Geneva hosts Choctaw County, Andalusia heads up to Handley and Rehobeth makes the trip to Bibb County. The Panthers have always had to fight to stay alive in the playoffs and will have to do the same this year, while the Bulldogs and Rebels may have simply extended their season by one week. Still, plenty of action here also.

*** **CLASS 5A** - Hillcrest of Evergreen won the booby prize by defeating Carroll and now must travel up to Birmingham to battle high-powered Briarwood Christian, while Charles Henderson will head up to McAdory. Blount will invade Benjamin Russell, and Eufaula will host Shaw, of Mobile. Charles Henderson should have a shot at pulling off an upset, but that is about it in this class. It is still a good week for the fans.

*** **CLASS 6A** - Not really a lot of local interest here as Dothan will travel to Mobile and should be able to get past McGill-Toolen.

In opening round of playoffs

Saints come marching in to Elba

The Elba Tigers will be making their first playoff appearance in three years Friday night when they host the St. Clair County Saints in the opening round of the Class 3A high school football playoffs.

The Tigers will bring a 6-4 record into the first round match-up, while the Saints will enter the contest with an 8-2 record.

"St. Clair County is big, strong and physical," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and is very impressive in all areas. On offense they run out of about fifteen different formations and give your defense every look possible. They have two big backs that both run hard and have a very big offensive line. They do run and pass about equally, and use two quarterbacks to run their offense. Over on defense they line up in a five man front and really get after the football. They are big and very physical up front, and have an outstanding linebacker that weighs in at maybe 230 pounds. They don't blitz much on defense, but they

while I still haven't figured out how Mary Montgomery can have a 9-1 record and have to play on the road in the opening week. If a 9-1 record can't get a home field advantage, what can?

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREP PLAYOFFS

The Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office Sunday afternoon cussing about the traffic in Montgomery and fussing about the confusing directions given out by the coach at Trinity. He did suggest everyone might have been better off just to stop at the mall, and then wondered who would give the St. Clair fans their directions to Tiger Stadium. The local guesser hit on 25 of 29 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 273-50, and reluctantly left this week's playoff picks.

ELBA VS. ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The Tigers will have to regroup in a hurry and be ready Friday night if they are to defend their home turf from the invasion of the Saints. The Saints will bring a very big team filled with talented athletes, and will be brimming with confidence after watching the film of Elba's loss to Trinity. If the Tigers can keep it close early, they should be able to advance to round two.

ELBA 20 ST. CLAIR COUNTY 14

BRANTLEY VS. REELTOWN

The Bulldogs almost pulled off a huge upset last week against Luverne and will need that kind of effort again this week to have a chance of bringing home a win over the Rebels of Reelfoot. The Brantley defense will be called upon early and often Friday night, and it must answer the call for the Dogs to move on. In a battle...

REELTOWN 22 BRANTLEY 13

KINSTON VS. MAPLESVILLE

The Bulldogs will carry a confident bunch over to Maplesville Friday night and will no doubt be ready to challenge the Red Devils. If the Kinston defense can slow down the Devils' Bulldogs might have a chance. If not, just remember where the Devils live and how hot it can get.

MAPLESVILLE 34 KINSTON 10

OTHER PICKS:

McKenzie 29 Sweet Water 13
Autaugaville 22 Pleasant Home 21
Isabella 27 G.W. Long 25
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UMS-Wright 35 Tallahassee 0
Daleville 17 Sumter County 15
Trinity 24 Jackson 0
Geneva 21 Choctaw County 10
Bibb County 27 Rehobeth 7
T.R. Miller 34 St. James 14
Dale County 41 Dallas County 16
Handley 15 Andalusia 14
McAdory 28 Charles Henderson 27
Benjamin Russell 20 Blount 7
Greenville 7 Greenville 7
Briarwood 35 Hillcrest 0
Eufaula 21 Shaw 17
Dothan 28 McGill-Toolen 10

SPORTS

Fall to Trinity Wildcats 51-6

Tigers fizzle in regular season finale

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers limped into Montgomery Friday night to battle the highly-ranked Trinity Wildcats and suffered their worst defeat of the season as they were dominated on both sides of the ball in a lopsided 51-6 loss.

The loss left Elba with a 6-4 record, while Trinity improved its slate to 10-0 with the win.

Punts ended the first three possessions of the night. However, Trinity got its offense in gear on the Wildcats' second series of the first quarter and drove 62 yards in six plays to take the lead. Perry Hooper gained 46 yards on three carries to spark the scoring march, while Drew Sullivan got the touchdown on a 4-yard run. A two-point try failed, but with 3:55 left in the first quarter the Wildcats were in the lead 6-0.

Elba moved to a first down near midfield on its ensuing possession and gambled on a fourth down, and at the Trinity 47, only to fail on the fourth down gamble and hand the ball over to the Wildcats at midfield. Trinity quickly took advantage of the excellent field position as it marched 53 yards in five plays to add to its lead. The touchdown came on a 39-yard touchdown pass from Jeffery Harris to Allan Barnett, and Harris passed to Tom Schmueling for the two-point conversion, as the Wildcats upped their lead to 14-0 with 10:04 remaining in the second quarter.

Trinity upped its lead to 17-0 with 7:21 left in the half on a 31-yard field-goal by Bobby Trot, and then marched 88 yards for its final score of the half after intercepting an Elba pass to turn back the Tigers' only scoring threat of the opening two quarters. The long Trinity scoring drive took 12 plays, with the touchdown coming on an 11-yard pass from Walker Fain to Woody Woodruff. The extra-point try failed, but with 1:19 left in the second quarter Trinity was in command with a 23-0 advantage.

Trinity received the second half kick and marched 66 yards in seven plays to reach the endzone for the fourth time in the game. Jeffery Harris hit on three of five passes for 62 yards during the quick scoring march, with the score coming on a 36-



Elba's Dougie Pierson (1) tries to pull away from a Wildcat defender in last week's action. Pierson scored a touchdown in the regular season finale.



The Elba Marching Tiger band kept the spirits high in the bleachers Friday night as the Tigers struggled in a 51-6 loss to the Trinity Wildcats.

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yard pass from Harris to Allan Barnett. Bobby Trot tackled on the extra-point, and with 9:29 remaining in the third quarter Trinity owned a huge 51-0 lead.

The Wildcats began their next possession at their own 47-yard-line and this time drove 53 yards in five plays to blow the game wide open!

A 43-yard scamper by Perry Hooper got the scoring drive off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on fourth down and goal from the Elba 2-yardline, when Jeffery Harris hooked up with Bobby Trot on a 2-yard touchdown pass. Trot added the extra-point, and with 5:07 left in the third quarter Trinity's lead had grown to 37-0.

Trinity put the ball in play at its own 45-yardline early in the fourth quarter and needed six plays to cover the 55 yards to the endzone. The score came on a 33-yard run by Jack Bartlett, and Bartlett added the extra-point, as the Wildcats' lead went to 44-0 with 8:34 still left on the clock.

Elba's Kyle English returned the ensuing kickoff 52 yards to put the Tigers in business at the Trinity 13-yardline. However, things quickly went from bad to worse for Elba as on third down Brandon Petty lofted a back-wards pass over the head of intended receiver Brent Bowers and Trinity's Jack Bartlett scooped up the fumble and

7TH GRADE BOYS
ELBA 31
Z.C. 19

The Elba 7th grade Tigers used a big third quarter to pull ahead and held on to down Zion Chapel 31-19. The Tigers led only 10-8 at the half, but outscored the Rebels 15-5 in the third quarter to take command. Nicholas Nysson scored 10 points to lead Elba.

Elba (31): Jackson 8, Nelson 10, Frazier 3, Tills 6, Manning 4.
Z.C. (19): Roberts 4, Carter 10, Legg 5.

9TH GRADE GIRLS
ELBA 52
Z.C. 5

The Elba 9th grade Lady Tigers led all the way to bury Zion Chapel 52-5. The Lady Tigers owned a big 33-3 lead at the half and never looked back to post the win. YoYo Reynolds scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Kendall Stinson added 11.

Elba (52): Reynolds 20, Duncan 3, Gibson 2, Waddell 4, Allen 2, Barnes 4, Stinson 11, Lawford 6.
Z.C. (5): McLendon 2, Beasley 3.

8TH GRADE BOYS
ELBA 70
Z.C. 6

The Elba 8th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away to clobber Zion Chapel 70-6. The Tigers owned a 31-6 halftime lead and then outscored the Rebels 39-0 in the

second half to claim the big win. Ron Hill scored 18 points to lead Elba.

Elba (70): Hill 18, Williams 4, Rogers 2, Anderson 6, Johnson 10, Cook 2, Gulley 4, Carr 9, Kelley 3, Stoudemire 6, Robinson 5.
Z.C. (6): Culver 2, McClain 4.

STATISTICS

	E	T
1st Downs	5	19
Rushing Yds.	32	282
Passing Yds.	53	185
Total Offense	85	467
3-13-1 Passes	12-20-0	
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	1/1
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Penalty Yds.	34	25

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Mrs. Smith continued, "Mayor Tim Alford will be at the store for a ribbon cutting ceremony, on Nov. 9th at 1:00 PM and we will be swearing in the new board members at that time also. The **Salvation Army Canteen** will be at the Service Center Nov. 9 & 10th serving hotdogs, chips and cokes. We will be selling chances on a Candy Corn Strawman Jar, and there will be door prizes from several Enterprise businesses as well as specials throughout the two day event."

The Kettle Campaign is the only fund-raiser the SALVATION ARMY has each year. The money collected during this time is used in the area where it is raised. Every year the **Coffee County Salvation Army** aids families in need. Last year the Coffee County Service Center helped approximately 250 families with utilities, food, and rent. A full 80% of local donations stay in Coffee County. We are in need of bell-ringers for the holiday season and would appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer.

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SPORTS



A New Brockton runner follows his block and looks outside the Kinston defense. The Gamecocks led early before falling to the Bulldogs 20-10 to close out the season with a 2-8 record.



Brantley hand members had a reason to celebrate Friday night as the Bulldogs rallied to pull even at 14-14 before the half. The Bulldogs will travel to Reeltown Friday night with a 7:00 PM kickoff.

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Wilkerson boots two field-goals

Kinston rallies past New Brockton 20-10

By Tony Kelley and Michael Jenkins

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the New Brockton Gamecocks Friday night in what might have appeared to some as an unimportant, non-region football game. After all, the Bulldogs had already clinched a spot in the 1A state playoffs the week before by blasting the Rebels of Zion Chapel 60-12. However, the Kinston football team knew there was a lot at stake in the final game of the 2001 regular season. For starters it was a chance to post a winning record, and to the winner, would go the Coffee County championship title. Even more importantly was the fact a win would give the Bulldogs momentum heading into their playoff opener against Maplesville.

New Brockton wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, needing only three plays and 1:18 off the clock to march down the field and punch the ball into the endzone. On the first play from scrimmage, Ray Magwood broke loose through the Bulldog defense for 52 yards to set the Gamecocks up at the Kinston 10-yard line. Two plays later, Magwood scored what would be the Gamecocks' only touchdown of the night from one yard out, and Albar Herrero added the extra-point, to give

the Gamecocks a quick 7-0 advantage. Kinston responded with a scoring drive of its own that culminated with a 27-yard field-goal by Matthew Wilkerson. The big play in the drive came on second down from the Kinston 44-yardline, when Patrick Nelson broke loose for a 50 yard scamper down to the Gamecock 6-yardline. The New Brockton defense stiffened after the long run and forced the Bulldogs to settle for the three points.

Still clinging to a 7-3 lead, the Gamecocks again drove down the field, this time on the legs of Tyler Simmons. The Bulldog defense bowed up and stopped the Gamecocks at the Kinston 15-yardline, where Herrero came in and booted a 32-yard field-goal to up the New Brockton lead to 10-3 with 3:29 remaining in the quarter.

Both teams would have to call on their punters for their next couple of possessions. However, with 6:42 left in the second quarter, Kinston put the ball in play at its own 41-yardline and marched down the field with Patrick Nelson and Todd Mock earning up huge chunks of yardage. Nelson found the endzone on a 20-yard scoring dash, but the extra-point sailed wide, and the Bulldogs were still trailing 10-9.

Kinston's defense stopped the Gamecocks once again on the ensuing possession and forced a punt with only 1:31 left in the half. Ryan Anderson completed a couple of passes to Nelson as the Bulldogs quickly headed down the field, and fullback Jammie Lunsford powered up the middle for some much needed yardage as Kinston reached the New Brockton 21-yardline. The Bulldogs' Matthew Wilkerson came in and booted a 38-yard field-goal with 10 left on the clock, and when the teams went in at halftime it was the Bulldogs that were on top with a 12-10 lead.

Kinston added to its lead late in the third quarter after recovering a Gamecock fumble at the New Brockton 9-yardline. Kinston scored on the first play after the recovery on a 9-yard blast up the middle by Todd Mock, while Jim Bedsole took a hand off on a faked extra-point try and raced into the endzone for the two-point conversion, as Kinston upped its lead to 20-10.

Neither team could score again and at the final horn the Bulldogs celebrated the big win by "cooling off" their coaches with a little left over Gatorade. Coach Gary Glass didn't seem to mind the early shower at all as he exchanged congratula-

tions, hugs and handshakes with his football team.

I credit New Brockton for coming in here prepared to win," said Coach Glass. "It took us playing four quarters to claim the hard-fought victory. Our players were ready and were up for the game. It was a nice way to top off a good regular season."

Jammie Lunsford gained 97 yards on 8 carries to lead the Kinston ground game, while Patrick Nelson added 59 yards on 17 carries and Todd Mock gained 44 yards on 8 carries. Mock made 5 stops and Will Mack had 4 tackles.

Ray Magwood gained 71 yards on 10 carries to lead New Brockton, while Tyler Simmons added 56 yards on 14 carries. The Gamecock defense was led by Demetrius Foster with 12 tackles, while Dusty Medley had 8 tackles and Tyler Simmons made 7 stops.

STATISTICS

K	1st Downs	NB
23	Rushing Yds.	166
37	Passing Yds.	9
260	Total Offense	175
5-11-0	Passes	3-6-0
35	Penalty Yds.	20

Late scoring threat falls short

Brantley Bulldogs caged by Luverne 20-14

By Greg Branson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Luverne Tigers met Friday night in what turned out to be a real barn-burner, as the home-standing Tigers pushed across a late touchdown and then turned back a last-second Bulldog threat to escape with a 20-14 victory.

Pat Parks set the Tigers up early as he intercepted a Channing Spivey pass on the game's first play from scrimmage. The Brantley defense was quick to respond, however, and regained possession as it stopped Luverne on downs at the Bulldog 11-yardline.

Brantley was unable to move the chains following the defensive stand and was forced to punt, and the Tigers set up shop right back in Bulldog territory. On the next play, Spivey returned the punt to the Brantley 30-yardline. Seven plays later, Joseph Estoney cracked over from five yards out for the game's first score, and Robert Rutledge added the extra-point, as the Tigers moved ahead 7-0 with 4:45 left in the first quarter.

Luverne began its next series at its own 36-yardline after a Brantley punt, and this time raced down field 64 yards in seven plays to stretch its lead. The touchdown came on a 33-yard pass from Justin Moody to Brad Crittenden, and Rutledge again added the extra-point, as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0 with 11:53 remaining in the second quarter.

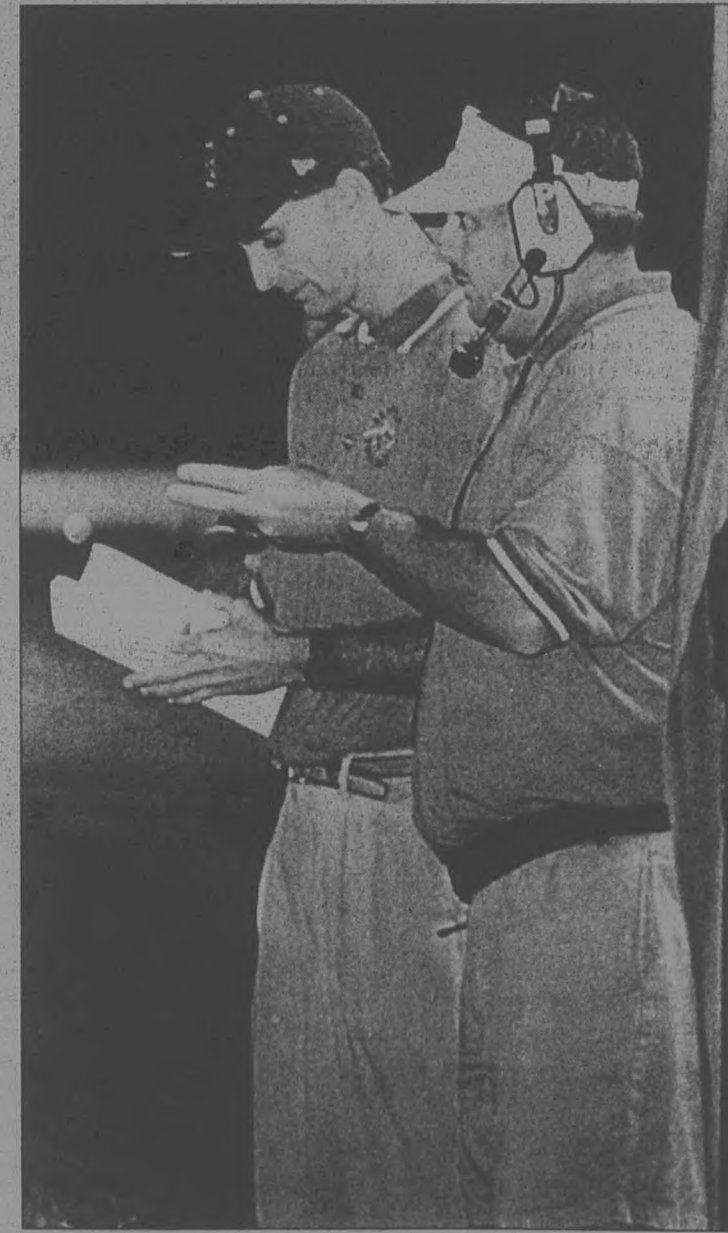
Brantley took the ensuing kick off and marched 66 yards in 10 plays to get on the scoreboard. A 22-yard pass completion from Channing Spivey to Marcel Stamps was a key play in the scoring drive, while Spivey spun into the endzone from a yard out for the Bulldog

touchdown. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point to cut the Luverne lead to 14-7 with 7:21 remaining in the second quarter. Luverne was unable to move the ball on its next possession and was forced to punt from deep in its own territory. As the punt began to roll to a stop, Brantley's Devaris Skanes scooped up the ball in full stride and streaked 45 yards into the endzone for a Bulldog touchdown. After a short huddle, the crowd then watched as Cedric Jones kicked the extra-point, to pull Brantley even with the Tigers at 14-14 with 4:40 still left in the half.

Both offenses were able to move the ball in the second half in the middle of the field, but the defensive units took charge whenever the ball would get inside the thirty, and midway through the fourth quarter the two cross-county rivals were still tied at 14-14.

Pat Parks claimed his second interception of the game with a 4:20 left in the fourth quarter and returned the interception to the Brantley 36-yardline. The Tigers marched down field quickly behind the passing of Justin Moody, and on the sixth play of the possession Moody scrambled 25 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The extra-point try failed, and with 2:29 left on the clock Luverne was back on top 20-14.

Brantley raced right back down the field following the ensuing kickoff and brought all the fans to their feet on a 46-yard completion from Channing Spivey to Devaris Skanes and a 23-yard completion from Spivey to Michael Mitchell that gave the Bulldogs a first down and goal at the Luverne 4-yardline. The Luverne defense stiffened following the big pass plays, and on fourth down Brantley saw its upset hopes die when a pass fell incomplete in the endzone.



Brantley assistant coaches Chad Carpenter and Roland Jones chat on sidelines as the Bulldogs battle Luverne in the annual renewal of the cross-county battle. The Bulldogs will travel to Reeltown Friday night in the opening round of the 1A playoffs.

Justin Moody was the game's leading rusher with 75 yards on 12 carries, and also led Luverne in the air as he passed for 127 yards. Brantley was led by Devaris Skanes with 68 yards on 20 totes and Channing Spivey with 53 yards on 8 carries.

STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	L
12	Rushes-Yds.	14
36-149	Passing Yds.	35-175
105	Total Offense	127
254	Passes	11-17-0
5-14-2	Return Yds.	44
82	Penalties-Yds.	6-32
3-15	Punts-Ave.	4-34

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SPORTS

Brantley and Kinston hit the road for opening round of 1A grid playoffs

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will kick off its 2001 state football playoffs this week, all across the state, and locally there will be two area teams that hit the road for their opening round matchups.

The (5-5) Brantley Bulldogs will head up the road to Reeltown to battle the (9-1) Reeltown Rebels, while the (6-4) Kinston Bulldogs will also board the bus for a date in Maplesville with the (8-2) Maplesville Red Devils.

Following are previews of both games:

BRANTLEY AT REELTOWN

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to snap a late-season losing streak and pull off a huge upset Friday night when they travel to Reeltown to battle the second-ranked Reeltown Rebels.

The Bulldogs appeared to be on a roll late in the season after posting four straight region wins, however, the Bulldogs will have a real fight on their hands in Friday night's 1A playoff opener as they head to Maplesville to battle the fourth-ranked Maplesville Red Devils. The Bulldogs appeared to be going nowhere midway through

the season and stood at 3-4 after three straight region losses, but Kinston regrouped and closed out the season with wins over 2A Beulah 30-28, 1A Zion Chapel 60-12 and 2A New Brockton 20-10, and will be confident when they hit the road Friday night. The 'Dogs combine a rugged running attack with a big play passing game, and if the Bulldog defense can rise to the challenge, the 'Devils could be in for a surprise.

Maplesville will bring an 8-2 record and the #4 ranking in Class 1A into Friday night's playoff opener. The Red Devils have posted wins over 3A Lincoln 33-7, 1A Fayetteville 40-8, 1A Reeltown 14-13, 1A Thorby 28-7, 4A Jonison 16-15, 1A Verbera 46-14, 1A Billingsley 55-26. The Devils losses were to 1A Autaugaaville 27-24 and 2A power Leroy 36-19. Maplesville has scored an average of 35 points a game in its eight wins and almost 22 points a game in its two losses.

Kinston must find a way to slow down the powerful Maplesville offense to have a chance of pulling off an upset Friday night, and it looks like the Bulldogs will have their hands full.

KINSTON AT MAPLESVILLE

The Kinston Bulldogs made their way back into the playoffs with one of their best seasons in years, however, the Bulldogs will have a real fight on their hands in Friday night's 1A playoff opener as they head to Maplesville to battle the fourth-ranked Maplesville Red Devils. The Bulldogs appeared to be going nowhere midway through

Football fans ready for action as state football playoffs kick off this week

The following are first round playoff games involving teams from South Alabama scheduled for this week's opening round of the state high school football playoffs. All games will kick off at 7 PM on Friday night, unless otherwise noted:

CLASS 1A

Sweet Water (3-7) at McKenzie (7-3)
 Brantley (5-5) at Reeltown (9-1)
 Frisco City (7-3) at Carrollton (0-11)
 Autaugaaville (7-3) at Pleasant Home (7-3)
 Kinston (6-4) at Maplesville (8-2)
 American Christian (7-3) at Millry (6-4)
 Isabella (7-3) at G.W. Long (10-0)
 Marengo (8-2) at Linden (7-2)
CLASS 2A
 Highland Home (7-3) at Leroy (10-0)
 Houston Academy (7-2) at Rainburne (9-1)
 Excel (6-4) at Goshen (7-3)
 Horseshoe Bend (6-4) at Slocomb (5-5)
 Samson (6-4) at Lineville (8-2)
 Red Level (7-3) at Sou.

Choctaw (7-3)
 Clay County (5-4) at Houston County (10-0)
 Greene County (6-3) at Straughton (7-3)
CLASS 3A
 Ashville (8-2) at Luverne (8-2)
 Dadeville (7-3) at Aliceville (9-1)
 W.S. Neal (6-4) at Springville (10-0)
 Fullondale (8-2) at Pike County (7-3)
 Montgomery Academy (4-6) at Tarrant (10-0)
 St. Clair County (8-2) at Elba (6-4)
 Lamar County (5-5) at Lanett (8-2)
 Washington County (7-3) at B.B. Comer (6-4) Thursday
CLASS 4A
 Talladega (5-5) at UMS-Wright (10-0)
 Daleville (6-4) at Sumter County (4-5)
 Jackson (5-5) at Trinity (10-0)
 Fairhope (5-5) at Prattville (10-0)
 Dothan (7-2) at McGill-Toolen (6-4) Thursday
 Rehobeth (7-3) at Bibb County (7-3)
 St. James (8-2) at T.R. Miller (9-1)
 Dallas County (5-5) at Dale County (10-0)
 Andalusia (5-5) at Handley (6-4)

At South Alabama Speedway

Jody Henderson takes checkered flag in 75-lap feature race in Super Stock

By Mark Chisum

With the point titles decided, South Alabama Speedway held special races for the Super Stock and Street Stock classes, with extra laps and extra cash at the end. The Super Stock race was a mirror of the season with Jody Henderson taking the win in the 75-lap feature. But the Street Stock Feature saw first time winner as Derek Deese taking the win.

Henderson wasted little time in the Super Stock Feature. Starting sixth, Henderson moved to third by the second lap behind Tommy Adams and Mark Davis. Henderson then followed Davis by Adams on the fifth lap. Two laps later, Henderson moved past Davis for the lead, which he never relinquished. Surprisingly, the race stayed green for the duration, and Henderson lapped everybody with the exception of Davis in route to the win. Adams held on to third spot with Jerry Weathering fourth and David Ashley fifth.

Although Deese led all 40 laps in the Street Stock Feature, his victory was not easy. Deese took the lead on the start from his outside pole starting spot, outrunning pole-sitter Scott Morse to the first turn. Timbo Kendrick moved into the second

spot on lap three and latched onto Deese's rear bumper, at times, seemingly, pushing Deese through the turns. Meanwhile, Brian Martin was coming through the pack from the seventh starting spot and joined the battle for the top spot. Kendrick dropped from the battle on lap 19 when a wheel bearing went bad, ending his night. Martin took up the challenge, but Deese was able to hold him off for the remainder of the race, taking his first Street Stock win of the season. Chad Roberts came across the line third, with Morse fourth and Jerry Hudson fifth.

In the Late Model feature, Keith Mack led flag to flag to capture his first Feature win of the year. Mack got the jump at the start while Tim Lynn and Ed Baker battled for the runner-up spot. Baker got by Lynn on the sixth lap, but Lynn stayed close and regained the position with four laps to go. Baker held on to third spot while Nix Bruce finished fourth and Marty Catrett fifth.

In the Super Street Feature, Jeff Smith took the lead from Scott Whitehead on lap 11 and went on to score his 13th win of the season. Whitehead held on to second, while Harold Hur finished third. Patrick Schultz and Darrell Wolfanger rounded

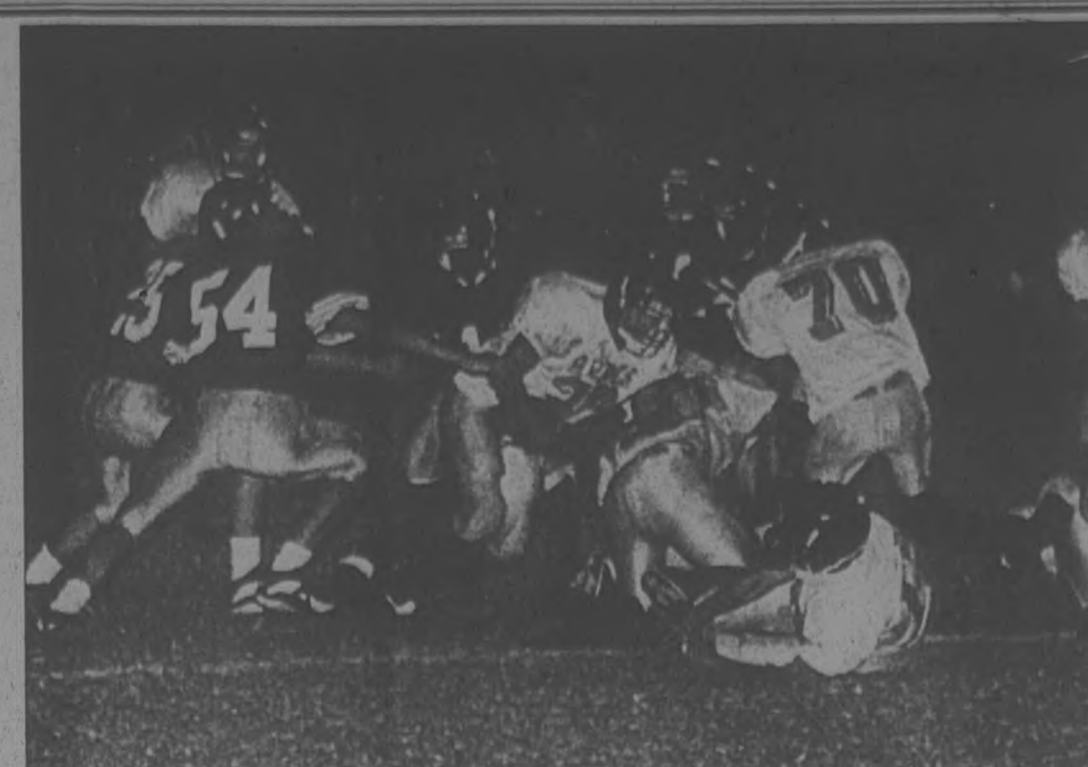
out the top five.

Jason Singletary held off the strong efforts of Sam Smith, Ricky Osborne, and Todd Boswell, to take his second Roadrunner Feature. The four ran in a tight pack for most of the race, first, Osborne, and then Smith providing the assaults. Smith's last charge brought him side-by-side to Singletary in turn four late in the race, but Singletary powered out of the turn and took a well deserved win. Smith took second ahead of Osborne, Boswell, and Jim Evans.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Mike Wolfe took the lead on the eleventh lap to take the win. Kelly Spivey led early, fell back to fifth, and then came back to finish second. Mike Cherry was third. The #73 car was fourth and Barney O'field fifth.

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GET READY TO WATCH THE BOUNCING BALL... IT IS BASKETBALL SEASON!!



Zion Chapel's Josh Richards (30) eyes the endzone early in last week's 53-12 loss to McKenzie. The loss left the Rebels with a final record of 2-8.

Rebels ambushed in McKenzie 53-12

By Chris Winters and Randy Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a long season draw to a close Friday night when they were defeated by the McKenzie Tigers 53-12 in McKenzie.

The loss left the Rebels with a final record of 2-8, while the Tigers advanced to the state playoffs with a 7-5 slate. McKenzie kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at its own 45-yardline following a Zion Chapel punt, and needed only five plays to cover the 55 yards to the endzone. The touchdown came on a 28-yard run by James Ball, and the Tigers tucked on the extra-point to grab a 7-0 lead with 8:13 left in the opening stanza.

Zion Chapel's Wesley Grant returned the ensuing kick 25 yards to set the Rebels up at their own 32-yardline, and the Rebels surprised the Tigers by marching 68 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. A 33-yard pass from Wesley Grant to Willie Stewart gave the Rebels the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Josh Richards. A two-point try failed, but with 2:51 remaining in the first quarter Russell Davidson for the two-point conversion, and with 2:01 remaining in the half the Tigers had taken command by opening up a 28-0 advantage.

McKenzie began its next possession at the Tiger 41-yardline and quickly marched down field to add to its lead. It took the Tigers six plays to cover the 59 yards, with the touchdown coming on a 27-yard run by Eric Gomillion. The extra-point was successful, and with 11:10 remaining in the second quarter McKenzie's lead was up to 14-6.

Zion Chapel had a chance to catch the Tigers midway through the quarter after a fumble recovery by the McKenzie 26, and appeared ready to march into the endzone after an 18-yard pass from Wesley Grant to William Stewart gave the Rebels a first and goal at the eight. The Rebels got close as the four on a 4-yard gain by Heath Killingsworth, but then fumbled the ball away to kill the scoring opportunity.

McKenzie was in the shadow of its own goal post after making the recovery, but immediately headed down the field and marched 92 yards in only four plays to score its third



Zion Chapel tuba players Chase Winters and Casey Gaaney performed at halftime Friday night in the Rebels' final regular season game.

touchdown of the night. The Tiger touchdown came on a 65-yard dash by Patrick Hamilton, and although the extra-point try failed, McKenzie was on top 20-6 with 6:13 left in the half.

The Rebels lost another fumble on their next possession, and McKenzie turned the turnover into points as it covered the 20 yards into the endzone in six plays. The score came on a 3-yard run by Patrick Hamilton, while Rickie Sallie passed to Russell Davidson for the two-point conversion, and with 2:01 remaining in the half the Tigers had taken command by opening up a 28-0 advantage.

McKenzie received the second half kick-and-drove 44 yards in five plays to quickly add to its lead. The Tiger score came on a 47-yard pass from Eric Gomillion to Russell Davidson, and after the extra-point sailed wide, McKenzie headed back up field with a 34-6 lead.

McKenzie began its next series at the Tiger 43-yardline after stopping Zion Chapel on a fourth down gamble. However, the Rebels' defense came up with a big play of its own only two plays later when Zion Chapel's Zane Tracy scooped up

STATISTICS

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7	Rushing Yds.	367
64	Passing Yds.	40
161	Total Offense	407
7-13-0	Passes	2-3-0
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	3/2
6	Penalty Yds.	32

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COMMUNITY NEWS



HALLOWEEN SPOOKSTERS. Things were quite spooky at the Elba General Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 31, as the halls were filled with some unusual characters. These special guests were found roaming all over throughout the day, and they were actually caught on camera in the emergency room. In this picture, Dr. I.B. Coffin (Linda Blair) checks on the status of the Mummy (Kerry Johnson) as the Lightning Victim (Loretta Smith), the Cat Burglar (Dolly Kelley), the Cereal Killer (Missy Craig) and Happy the Clown (Jill Jinnright) watch the action.



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Rosa Maria Rivera named Miss August at Mosley High School in Panama City

Rosa Maria Rivera, age 16, was announced Miss August 2002 at her high school, Mosley High, in Panama City, Fla. She competed with 118 other young beauties in the Calendar Girl Contest hosted by the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club.

Maria is in the 11th grade and has one sister, Beth Rivera, who graduated from Mosley in 1999. Her mother is Debra Coon Rivera and she is the granddaughter of Ms. Betty Coon of Elba.



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Local man arrested on drug charges following routine traffic stop

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although one traffic stop appeared to be routine last Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, the Elba Police Department soon found it to be much more than a simple traffic violation as it led to the arrest of an Elba man on drug charges.

Elba Police officer Judy Pierce stopped Michael Booth, age 43, of Elba, for a routine traffic violation, however, Booth was arrested after he allegedly was found in possession of alcohol and methamphetamine.

Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said Booth then gave police officers permission to search his residence at "Beaver Dam" Apartments where more drug related items were discovered.

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Single vehicle accident proves fatal for Enterprise man



Emergency personnel responded to this single vehicle accident on Hwy. 84 West last Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, at approximately 6:47 p.m. where James Earl Teague, age 57, of Enterprise, was fatally wounded. According to reports, Teague was traveling West on U.S. Hwy. 84 just outside of Elba when he apparently lost control of his Nissan pickup truck as it crossed the roadway and rolled several times before coming to a halt against the fence captured in the above photograph. A large portion of the fence was destroyed in the accident which was investigated by Alabama State Trooper J.R. Ward. Also responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS. Teague was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Marvin McElwain. An autopsy revealed multiple blunt force trauma as the cause of death.

Commission votes to enter negotiations for sale of county landfill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The future of the Coffee County Landfill emerged as the main topic Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

With the opening of a new landfill in Brundidge on Nov. 1st, County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that Coffee County is facing a different situation now than one year ago. He said the landfill has served the county well for the past eight years, but the county must now look at all of its options since competition has arrived.

Upon the recommendation of the commission, Tindell said he had been working closely with the county attorney, financial advisor Whit Armstrong and engineer Mark Pugh in looking at all the options available and

finding a proposal that will best benefit the county.

He said this advisory group had looked at options ranging from doing nothing to public partnerships to privatizing the landfill.

At that point, he asked Armstrong to address the commission and explain the option the advisory committee feels will best benefit the county.

Armstrong said every option had been researched and it was the conclusion of the group that the landfill would not remain profitable if it remained under the direction of the county; therefore, the best option for the county would be to sell the landfill to a private business.

He then presented a proposal from Waste Corporation of America, Inc. (WCA) of Houston, Texas for the purchase of the Coffee County Landfill.

Armstrong provided commissioners with many of the terms proposed by WCA in the proposal for purchase. The terms included:

• WCA, on a wholly-owned subsidiary, will enter into a purchase agreement with Coffee County for the purchase of the Coffee County Landfill and all equipment utilized in the operations of the landfill.

WCA will assume all obligations and liabilities for future capital costs and working capital.

• The consideration for the purchase shall consist of the following: (a) cash payment of \$2,000,000 at closing; and (b) Payoff of outstanding county debt for equipment of not more than \$900,000.

• In addition, WCA will pay the county an annual Host Community Fee of \$500,000, paid in equal quarterly installments. Host Community Fee will continue for a period of 20 years.

• In addition, WCA will pay a Royalty of \$1 per ton of out-of-county waste disposed at the landfill. The royalty shall increase annually at a rate equal to the CPI.

• In order to ensure continuity, WCA will hire all existing qualified landfill employees and will change the county's current outside engineer.

• WCA will indemnify the county for all liability arising out of WCA's ownership and management of the landfill and occurring after the purchase.

• As soon after the consummation of the purchase as possible, the county will enter into a disposal agreement with WCA for the disposal of all of the county's waste (over which the county has control) for a term of three years, and shall commit to good faith efforts to continue such disposal agreement for subsequent three year terms. The price for disposal shall be equal to the county's current-in-county rate and shall be subject to annual increase equal to the change in the CPI.

• The county will use its best efforts to assist WCA retain all of the landfill's current customers at current volume and price. The county will work with WCA to increase the volume of disposal at the landfill.

• The county will work with WCA to modify the permit with ADEM to remove service area restrictions in the permit. The county agrees to not impose import restrictions on any current or future waste streams into the landfill.

• WCA commits to operate the landfill in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations. The county will establish a landfill oversight committee to ensure WCA's operations are in compliance with such laws and regulations. The committee will consist of the chairperson of the commission, the county engineer and an independent engineering firm selected by the commission. The committee will have the authority to levy fines on WCA for final findings of violations that have not been remedied within agreed upon time frames.

• The county will assist WCA secure a leachate disposal agreement at current POTW.

Also, Armstrong said the proposal indicated that WCA requests that the county provide its representatives access to the county books and records to the landfill so the company can finalize its review and analysis of the landfill. With this, WCA agrees to treat confidentially all information concerning the landfill received from the county.

After reading the proposal from WCA, Armstrong told commissioners that the advisory group had talked with a lot of people in the industry that said the Coffee County Landfill is as well managed and attractive as any, but the disadvantage remains that it is located in a small market and all of a sudden there is direct competition in the

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Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL. The high school playoffs enter round two action this week with the Elba Tigers being the only local team still competing. The Tigers will travel to Birmingham on Friday, Nov. 16, to take on the Tarrant Wildcats. Kickoff for the game will be 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE. The Elba Ministerial Association will sponsor a community-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. This service will be held at Westside Baptist Church and will be a time of prayer, praise and celebration of the goodness of God to the community, nation and world. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and join in thanking the Lord for His wonderful blessings.

BLOOD DRIVE. An Elba Community Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located on West Davis Street in Elba. The drive will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, and interested persons can call (334) 897-2219 to reserve an appointment. The blood drive will be held in conjunction with Elba's Annual Christmas Festival.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS. Human Resource Development Cooperation and the Elba Recreation Department will be taking applications for Operation Santa Claus through November 30. If interested, contact Dottie Stricklin, H.R.D.C., at 897-2667 or Charlotte Caldwell, Elba Rec. Center, at 897-6833.

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NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, The Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for next week's paper.

The holiday deadline schedule for the Nov. 22nd edition of the paper will be as follows:

Church and Social news will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

All other news will be due by Noon on Monday, Nov. 19.

The deadline for advertising will also be Monday, Nov. 19, at Noon.